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# SJC Scores a Goal in the Student Recruitment Game

By Maddie Stewart  
News Writer

Our international student population has increased by 263% in the 2015-2016 school year. Partnerships with international institutions supporting attractive majors and MBAs, athletic opportunities, and a chance for an adventure have many students taking the plunge to travel across the world. There are 17 undergraduate, 1 MBA, and 1 master’s student enrolled at Saint Joseph’s College. The countries represented are: China, England, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Germany, Jamaica, Scotland, and Serbia.

In the near future, the college hopes to expand its international presence, through recruitment tours to Latin America. Assistant Director of International Programs, Claudia Sadowski, will be in charge of this push in Latin America. The goal of this project is to keep expanding our school population.

As diverse as our student population is, there is a common denominator that brings most of our undergraduate students to Saint Joseph’s College: sports. Twelve of our undergraduate international students this year are here to play soccer. There are 11 boys and 1 girl, all of



*Pictured left to right: Admissions Counselor, Kelli Bridges, Alum Jimmy Thordsen ‘75, and Assistant Director of International Programs, Claudia Sadowski on their first of two Puerto Rico College fair tours.*  
*Photo courtesy of Saint Joseph’s College Admissions.*

whom went through a long process of government forms, college requirements, and sports paperwork for a chance to pursue their game in the United States. All of the international students I spoke with gave up a lot to be here, but are happy to be in the United States. Many claimed that the hardest part about moving

was the culture shock and time change. Not surprisingly, all student athletes love the sports they traveled here to play.

A few steps in the process of applying to Saint Joseph’s College as an international student athlete include creating a recruitment video, obtaining a student F-1 visa, and completing

120 forms. According to Shelby Milton, an international freshman from Sydney, Australia, “the level of competitiveness is much higher here [in the USA] than in Australia for womens soccer.” When asked how she knew about our college in particular she stated that her soccer coach had contacts to a few United States colleges and Saint Joseph’s College was one of them. “I chose Saint Joseph’s College because it had such a welcoming environment... I knew I could fit in with the girls easily. Also the vibe was very positive.” Director of Admissions, Michael Ramian, is encouraged by the growing number of international students and hopes this “positive trend will be continuing with future classes to come.”

Having international students offers the college new and dynamic opportunities; it allows students to be more enriched by world culture, it helps our athletic teams, and it creates global links between the college and the rest of the world. According to Ramien, As a school we hope to continue to pursue International students.

## Saint Joseph’s College Enhances Title IX Program and Awareness

By Natalie Dziadosz  
News Writer

This year, students may have noticed a new section on in all of their syllabi. Title IX is a new required part of the syllabus, ensuring that students and professors know their rights and responsibilities. Title IX has become such a priority on campus to ensure that all faculty, staff, and students feel that if their rights or someone’s rights under Title IX are violated, something will be done about it.

The new Title IX coordinator, Dean of Students, Leslie Frere, has this to say: “As the new Title IX Coordinator, it’s my job to ensure that all students and employees know their rights and responsibilities and that everyone feels safe.” There is a committee of Title IX investigators and deputy Title coordinators, Elizabeth Ackman and Nancy Studer that ensure that this process is carried out.

However, Title IX is not a new idea. It became a law roughly 30 years ago and up until now has been mainly focused on gender equality in sports. In the last few

years, however, our culture has become more aware of sexual assault and relationship violence. With that understanding, the expectation of college campuses trying to prevent harassment has increased. Here at Saint Joseph’s College, new software will be enacted very soon that will allow Title IX violation reports to be filed quickly and easily. Frere stated that, “We are also reviewing our College policies regarding Title IX violations to ensure that all people on campus are treated equitably and without fear of retaliation.”

On the subject of directly helping all members of the College, Frere said, “One of my hopes is that we start to experience a culture shift on campus. Currently, conversations about equity and gender discrimination are largely limited to the classroom. Very few people even recognize when violations occur. What’s worse, some may experience a violation and feel powerless to do anything about it. We need to have conversations about what discrimination --of all kinds-- looks like so we can start

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Title IX, despite being a law for decades, has just recently come into the limelight on college campus to expand from gender equality in sports to focus on all aspects of the law. Saint Joseph’s College is taking Title IX seriously and expanding services. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

to take some strides in addressing the issue.” Gender equality has been an issue for quite some time. Since then, a group of dedicated faculty have gotten together to begin revising policies regarding sexual assault and grants to help provide victim advocacy services. President Pastoor also has substantial experience working with Title IX, and is helping the

College move forward with many of the ideas involving Title IX. For more information on filing Title reports, please contact Leslie Frere. For more information on Title IX in general, please visit <http://www.saintjoe.edu/title-ix>.



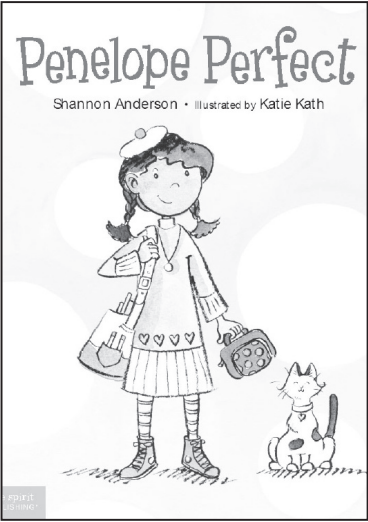
# Local Author Shannon Anderson Releases *Penelope Perfect*

By Ana Lara  
News Writer

Shannon Anderson is an local author; she writes educational books for children. Anderson says she has always wanted to write books for kids, “I used to work in the public library in the children’s section as a high school student and loved seeing kids get excited about books.”

A few years ago she began to write picture books beginning with a book about her daughter, who has amblyopia and had to wear an eye patch. The book is entitled, *I Am Not a Pirate*. Her new book, *Penelope Perfect*, is a book about a girl who is a perfectionist, whose world gets turned upside down when her routine is thrown off. Anderson says the book is loosely based on herself.

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Affairs of Saint Joseph’s College and former Professor of Psychology, Dr. Chad Pulver, is a friend of hers, and he weighed in on the book by lending his expertise and advice about perfectionism. Dr. Pulver was able to give helpful information for parents and caregivers about

“Penelope thinks everything needs to be on a schedule and go according to plan.” Photo courtesy of <http://www.shannonisteaching.com/books.html>

perfectionism and how to help children who struggle with this issue. Anderson says she “hopes to help students understand the power of writing -- whether it is a book or article, it can be far-reaching. Most of my books have some sort of message tucked in about not giving up or looking on the bright side.” In addition to working with Dr. Pulver, she has worked with Dr. Neal Haskel on another book, *Maggot Man*. Although Anderson’s books are for children, they have great messages that all people can try to apply to their everyday lives. Anderson’s books are available at the Willow Switch in town.

## 2016 Election Update: Good Bye, Governor Perry



By Jose Arteaga  
Political Columnist

Out of money and low in the polls, former Texas Governor Rick Perry dropped out of the Race for President on September 11th. The longest-serving governor in Texas history, who had never lost an election until he started running for president, told a group of conservative activists in St. Louis that “some things have become clear” and that it was time to suspend his campaign. Four years ago, Perry’s first bid for the White House essentially collapsed after a GOP debate in which he couldn’t remember the name of the third federal agency he’d wanted to close if elected. He was only able to mutter “Oops.” This time around, he couldn’t win enough support in early polls to even qualify for the party’s prime-time debates, finding himself relegated instead to second-stage affairs.

After formally kicking off his bid in early June, Perry announced raising about \$1 million during the first month of his campaign. That wasn’t enough to keep the small staffs he had assembled in the early voting states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, as well as at

his headquarters in Texas, on the payroll. While some members of Perry’s team pledged to work as volunteers, and he resumed paying some late last month, he ultimately couldn’t recover from the lack of campaign cash. With Governor Perry dropping out, all eyes will be on the next Republican debate which is set for September 16th. All eyes will be on TV mogul Donald Trump and businesswoman Carly Fiorina and how they will conduct themselves in the debate. After this debate many political operatives believe that the GOP field will narrow and might come down to ten candidates.



Above: Former Texas Governor Rick Perry

Photo courtesy of Google Images

# Computer Science Department Set To Open Cutting Edge Computer Lab

By Josh D. Alengo  
News Writer

As the Fall 2015 semester begins, students return fresh from a long vacation, and Saint Joseph’s College does its best to reciprocate however it can; to meet fresh faces with fresh news. This year, SJC Computer Science staff members have one more significant development: a top of the line computer lab furnished with more cutting edge gadgets and hardware than ever before.

Chair of the Computer Science Department, Brian Capouch is very excited about the new lab. He explained the lab will also act as a Computer Science classroom, capable of seating forty people with many features that students will be able to utilize during class. While the primary focus of those working to prepare this lab for the campus is on a special networking initiative, there are many surface features that are certain to excite students.

For starters, the lab is being prepared with multimedia in mind, meaning there will be “many types of content production, storage, and delivery capabilities” for common digital mediums in a part of the room being called a “media lab,” which will also boast high-end audio recording equipment.

Perhaps most exciting and top-of-the-line is a part of the

room being called a “Dreamer’s Corner.” Available here will be 3D scanning and printing hardware as well as an Oculus Rift VR developers’ kit, usable by CS students to engineer and test software and games that utilize virtual reality.

On top of all this, the lab is the center of a network that promises what the tech savvy call “five nines” of bandwidth. This term is a reference to the five nines in the figure “99.999%,” which is a measure of network service availability. In a year, a network that boasts five nines service will only be down or unavailable for five minutes and fifteen seconds or less.

On the networking side of all this is where staff focus is currently strongest. Off to the side of the lab is a connected

machine room, which houses all the bulky server-related networking machinery. Much of this is for use in a sort of initiative underway within the CS Department where the end goal is to be able to provide each student a virtual desktop accessible from as many devices as possible. “The primary challenge is the vast diversity of devices our students bring into the classroom,” said Professor Capouch. “All ‘must’ be supported, in this perfect world we strive to achieve.” He also explained that the path taken with the networking infrastructure endeavor is subject to change.

This stunning addition to the list of tools available for students and teachers is sure to have people excited. Updates on the opening date of these new facilities will be coming soon.

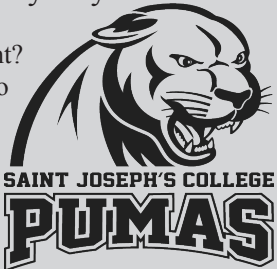


The Oculus Rift VR developers’ kit in action.  
Photo courtesy of Google Images

## Upcoming Puma Events!

- September 14 - Medallion Hunt
- September 14-18 - Amazing Race
- September 15 - Merlini Cookout
- September 18 - Homecoming Pep Rally
- September 19 - Homecoming
- September 19 - Legacy Day

Want to get the word out about your event?  
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# Have You Really Experienced Mexico?

By Kertney Brozyna  
*Opinions Writer*

What do you think of when you hear “Mexico?” For some, it may be what the recent debates are all about. For others, it might be the gorgeous beaches that many Americans go to for vacation. When someone we know goes to Mexico, we all get the pictures online to gaze through and daydream about being there. I’ve been to Mexico, but most likely, you’ve never heard of the area I went to. I’ve been to Chihuahua, Mexico. Not Cancun, or the beach resorts, or anything really “touristy,” but I have been to Chihuahua nearly seven times in the past four years.

When I see people going to Cancun (or any other beach resort for that matter), I can’t help but notice that everyone else that is in Cancun is another tourist. The only natives are the people working to serve them. When the tourist comes back to the States, they go on to tell their friends about how “beautiful” Mexico is and how “lovely” the natives are. Honestly, these people have never experienced Mexico. It frustrates me when these people even say they’ve “been to Mexico.” I know they have geographically been there, but it’s not completely true culturally. Sure, the beaches are a lovely part of Mexico, but it’s not the reality of how everywhere else in Mexico is.

I’ve been to multiple parts of Mexico, and I will not deny the beauty in every single city I’ve been to. Mexico is absolutely gorgeous. But if you’ve never been to a food truck late at night with some friends getting tacos or burgers, you have not experienced the Mexican culture to the fullest. If you’re a foreigner in any other part of Mexico, you need to fend for yourself or have a friend that speaks some Spanish because you can’t get around without that language. No one is there to wait on Americans hand and foot, they’re there living their lives just as much as you or me.

You see in the streets how hard people work. You get to listen to mariachi music (most of the time live on the streets). But you also see the men, women, and children performing tricks or selling small snacks to provide some kind of income for their lives. You experience the heartbreak of the people who need someone to help them. Life in Mexico is not what tourists from Cancun make it out to be. It’s a hard life to be there. If you ever get a chance to go to Mexico, try branching out from the tourist areas and going somewhere with more culture. It will be well worth your while.

# The Struggle Of The Creative Writer

By Johna Bottoroff,  
*Opinions Writer*

As a creative writer, I can write for hours about something that I am passionate about. However, some people think that we can just whip a story out like that after having been given a prompt. But we creative writers go through some things that people just don’t understand.

One thing that really bothers me is that people don’t understand that just because you are a creative writer doesn’t mean you can just come up with a story on the spot. Even when we want to tell a story or even think about writing a story, we have to think about it first. It’s hard to come up with characters, a setting, and a plot in a split second. The creative process is a very long one... well, depending on what type of writer you are. There is a lot of thinking, even when a writer thinks they have the perfect story. We always have to change something. Writers are never satisfied with what they write, only because we work on it for so long that we start to hate it.

Now the whole point of this is that, just because someone says that they are a creative writer, we, or at least I, hate being put on the spot. Because if you know a writer, you know that they are usually introverts. Not the introverts that hold up in their rooms and have no contact with people at all, but instead the kind of introverts that keep things to themselves. Believe it or not, most writers aren’t comfortable with sharing. We are afraid of having a bad idea and of people judging us for our bad idea. We are a very sensitive group of people. Of course, this may not be all writers, because some like to share and be put on the spot. Sometimes they put themselves on the spot just to share with someone to get feedback. I commend those types of writers because I hate sharing my writing with other people.

So, before you ask your writer friend to come up with something on the spot, make sure you have an abundance of time. But, don’t worry, the outcome will always be awesome!

# Donald Trump For President?!

By Steven Sewell  
*Opinions Writer*

When I heard that Donald Trump was considering running for President, I never thought he would actually launch a campaign. Trump, a potential candidate since at least I’ve been alive, has never officially announced a candidacy until this presidential election. Even after he announced his candidacy, I assumed it was simply brand building. Now, three months later, Trump is the Republican front-runner. On one hand, I’m happy that The Donald has exposed what a sham the GOP is, yet on the other hand, it scares me that conservative Americans believe Donald Trump is a person that can legitimately lead America.

Trump’s political positions are ridiculous. He accuses the Chinese of creating the concept of global warming to undercut U.S. manufacturing jobs. He wants to send more ground troops to Iraq to fight for oil. He wishes to cut funding for Planned Parenthood, and believes childhood vaccinations have the ability to cause autism. He’s either a moron or is playing politics by enticing voters who believe him and support his promises. Either way, is this really someone who should be President? Considering that not only is this man a legitimate candidate, but is LEADING the Republican field in recent polls, what does this say of the Republican constituency?

Donald Trump leading the Republican field has its upsides. It’s entertaining to watch him battle it out with the rest of the GOP clown show. It’s self-gratifying to know you’re smart enough not to vote for Donald Trump. It’s also comforting to know that if Trump wins the Republican Party presidential primary, there’s absolutely no chance a country that elected Barack Obama twice will elect him. If he makes it that far, he will be absolutely demolished by either Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders. Either way, let’s hope that Americans choose smartly.

# Netflix, Community, And A Liberal Education

By Thomas Day  
*Opinions Writer*

We’ve all done it. You know what I mean. There are times that we just want to get some food from the hub, sit down, and binge watch the last three seasons of *Breaking Bad*, or perhaps *Supernatural* or *Daredevil* (if that’s more up your alley). Then, three or four hours later, after a gnawing sense of unfulfillment and perhaps some guilt, we make some attempt at school work before going to bed.

I’ve heard it said that perhaps we have an overabundance of good (and bad) entertainment and, though I don’t know the statistics, I would certainly agree. It seems to me that a common pattern of life at SJC might (for some of the student body, but not all) be put forth as such: 1.) Complain about a lack of things to do. 2.) When PAC or your dorm organizes an event, spend most of the night watching netflix or on some gaming system. 3.)Repeat step one.

There have been many criticisms, some fair, about the nature of community at Saint Joseph’s College. Though “clique” is word that we taught to all incoming freshmen, many negative things have been said about the nature of some groups, clubs, or teams on campus. For example, in forming small groups of friends and fellows on campus others are excluded. In terms of student involvement and leadership on campus, we seem to be following the 20/80 rule; that 20% of the student body has close to 80% of the involvement on campus, and the other 80% tends towards 20%. Once again, I cannot state any of the official stats, thus, this is my own observation; I was elected a senator of Gallagher Hall by a group of eight or nine students in about ten minutes.

What is to be done? I think, as a general rule, community does not happen unless you make an effort. With student involvement in varied sport, clubs, and ensembles, students may need to start making an effort to make community a priority; how many students come to football games? How many students on campus make an effort to come to Mass, the center of life on any Catholic campus? How often are the arts events attended? I think a strong way forward might be cutting out those parts of our lives that make it easy for us, things like Netflix, to be content with only knowing a fraction of our classmates.

# Changing The Drinking Age

By Ariana Parrish  
*Opinions Writer*

How many of you wish the drinking age was eighteen? I know that I do. In my own personal experience I have known maybe a handful of people who never drank under the legal drinking age. At age sixteen you can drive a car, at eighteen you can tattoo and pierce your body all you want, and move out on your own, legally. At eighteen you can smoke cigarettes. You get the right to vote. YOU get to vote for who will run our country. All these things you can do at age eighteen, but have to wait till age twenty-one to drink alcohol. The most important task at eighteen is joining the military. You can join the military and go overseas to be in combat, yet you aren’t allowed to drink. Most people are concerned that eighteen is too young, that teens are too young, and will be irresponsible. If responsibility was a real concern then the drinking age should be twenty-five. Twenty-five is when your brain stops growing and your brain is more stable and is fully developed. “The connections between the emotional part of the brain and the decision-making center are still developing until age 25,” says Health Encyclopedia. As for myself, I believe that, before the age of twenty-one or even if it was changed to eighteen, there should be a test that someone under the age has to pass to be able to drink. If this was the case, there would be lots of kids not getting in trouble for underage drinking. In college, I think it is sort of unfair that kids can get in trouble for drinking even though upper classmen do it. Usually, there are bars on campus. Most kids these days when they “have fun” in college are usually drinking. On campus you can’t really do anything irresponsible besides drinking too much, and dying. Also, I think there should be a rule in colleges that allows underage drinking. What I would propose is that there are certain days, times, and place for underclassmen to drink, then all of our problems would be solved!

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## Star Wars: The Clone Wars

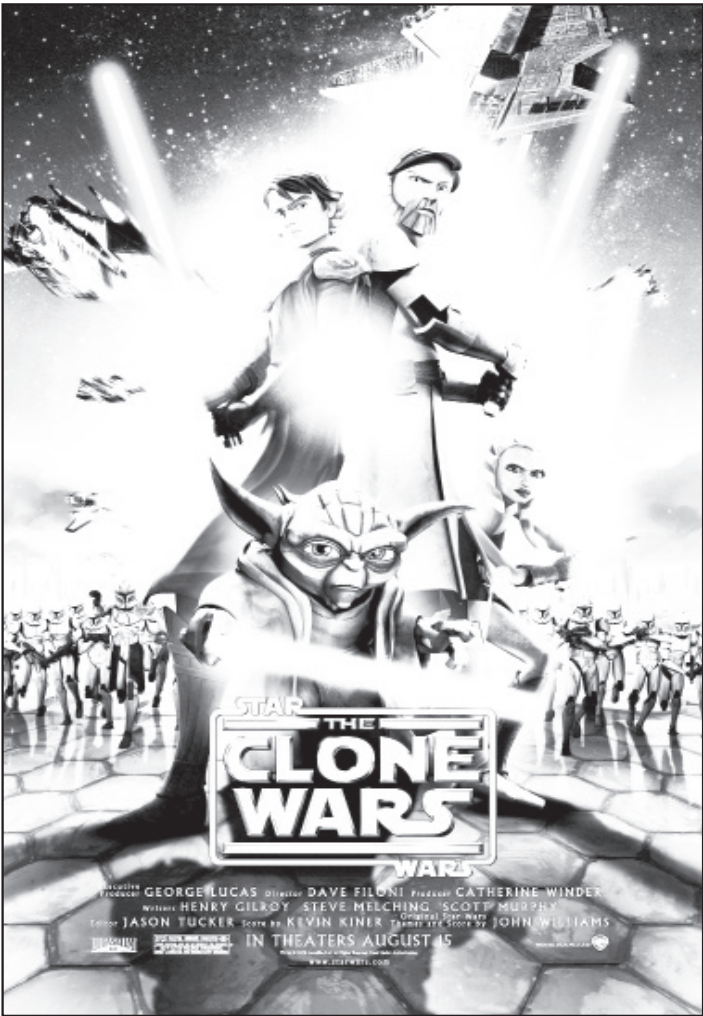
By Joe Cain  
Features Writer

The *Star Wars* prequels get a lot of hate, most of it well deserved, seeing as they are just not very good films.

It's because of this hate that when the cartoon, *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, first hit the air waves, it got a lot of eye rolls from die hard *Star Wars* fans. However, by some miracle, the show ended up really, really good.

Set between Episodes II and III, *The Clone Wars* chronicles just that, *The Clone Wars* fought between the forces of the Galactic Republic, led by the Jedi Order, and the Separatists, led by Count Dooku, with both secretly being played against each other by the one day emperor, Darth Sidious. Instead of telling a single ongoing story, the series jumps around the conflict, showing different battlefields, political struggles, planets and groups of characters, with a focus on Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and young newcomer Ahsoka Tano, who spends the series as Anakin's Jedi apprentice.

This does a fantastic job of fleshing out not only the events of the Clone War itself, and adding depth to the greater Star Wars



Above: A poster for the *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* television show. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

universe. The prequel trilogy only showed the conflict in the

barest possible strokes, just a bunch of action filled battles with very little context but here, we see how and why the war is happening, showing just how deft a manipulator the Lord of the Sith really is.

Minor characters from the movies are given more backstory, and the previously barely defined ideology of the Jedi is fleshed out into a true religion/philosophy system, with it's own set of traditions, rituals, and flaws. The writing and acting is a VAST improvement over the prequel films, ranking among some of the best cartoon writing of the last decade, which is saying quite a lot.

The series greatest achievement, however, is the salvaging it does with Anakin Skywalker as a character. In the prequel films, he was written like a whiny, angry teenager with borderline sociopathic tendencies....mostly as a result of bad acting and a bad script.

Here, we see the hero Obi-Wan Kenobi told Luke about in the very first *Star Wars* film. We see a great hero who serves the republic bravely and loves his wife, and is more and more conflicted as the two start to come at odds. It's with incredible subtlety that we see him slow edge towards the dark side, and it's a tragedy of Shakespearean proportions that we see a man truly deserving of the title "The Hero without Fear" become the monstrous Darth Vader.

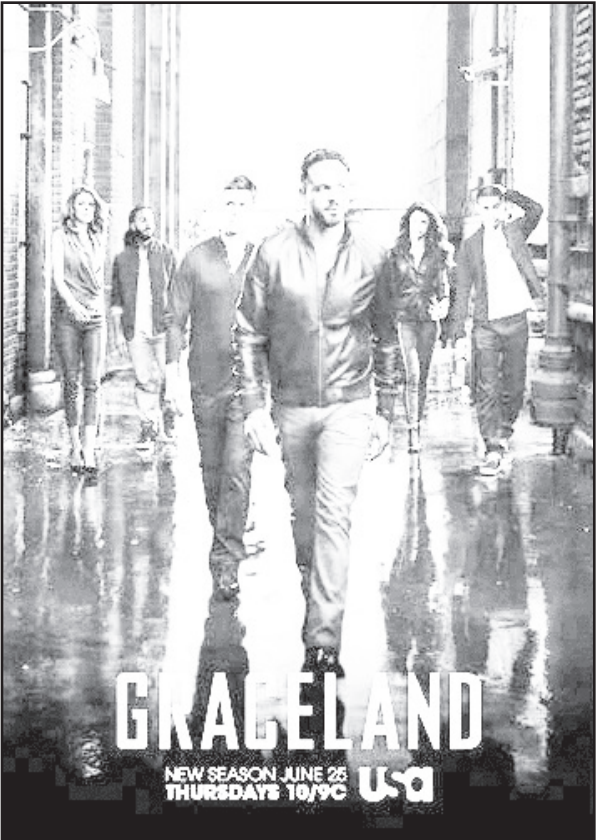
If you're a *Star Wars* fan, you owe it to yourself to check the *Clone Wars* out. Don't let the tie in with the prequels scare you away.

## Graceland

By Marisa Whitaker  
Features Writer

I recently called up my older sister and told her that I was taking a break from the emotional rollercoaster that is the TV shows I have been watching. I was so done with all the ups and the downs that came with shows like *Supernatural*, *Once Upon A Time*, etc. She laughed at me, of course, and suggested I stop getting so attached to fictional characters. I decided to ignore her advice and asked her to recommend a show she was watching that was less emotionally draining. When she first brought up *Graceland* I was uncertain that I would enjoy it, but I was desperate. I started it and before I knew it, I was in love. It was perfect. It was full of action and shy in the overdramatic department (at first).

*Graceland* is an American television series that premiered on USA Network in 2013. The show follows a young FBI agent who is sent to an undercover house in Southern California. There he joins a team of agents from various law enforcement agencies including three other FBI agents, an ICE agent, and a DEA agent. They all work undercover and often help each other out on cases. It is the kind of show you should watch when in need of something that you don't have to think too hard about. It does take a few unexpected turns which keeps the audience from getting bored, and it is easy to follow. The only issue I really had with this show is that it did eventually get very emotionally trying because I, once again, fell in love with the



Above: Poster for *Graceland*. Image courtesy of Google Images.

characters. It is also a bit sparse with the details so if you are looking for something to give your brain a workout it's probably not the show for you.

If someone came to me asking for a show to watch I would definitely recommend this one. I would also warn them that it is better to watch when you don't want to read into things too much. It is not a particularly deep show, and it wouldn't be fair to discard it because it isn't as detailed as it could be. It served my purpose at the time and I can't wait to finish it up. I don't see it going much further than its current three

seasons so it might be good if you are looking for something to finish up quickly. I will soon go back to my emotional rollercoaster TV shows but I will always have *Graceland* to take a break with. My advice is to watch this show, but also, in the wise words of my older sister, "Do not fall in love with fictional characters, it is probably not healthy."

## Bojack Horseman

By Connor Ring  
Features Writer

When I went home this summer, I didn't expect that I would be watching a TV show about a celebrity horse whose life has spiraled wildly out of control. I never could have imagined a show like that existed, and yet *Bojack Horseman* has broken my expectations. This show is dark, brooding, and wants you to know that nothing is going to be okay. Any satisfying ending you can think of will be spat back at you. This isn't to say this is a bad show, because I absolutely love it. The show revolves around Bojack Horseman, an anthropomorphic horse celebrity who is washed up and suffering from a mid-life crisis. He desperately wants happiness but has no idea how to obtain it, so he tries a bunch of different ways to make his life better to no avail. He is joined by Princess Caroline, his manager and former lover, Diane, the ghostwriter for his biography, and Todd, the local homeless man who has decided to live with Bojack despite constant protest from Bojack. There are many more lovely characters in this satirical take on Hollywood, and they are all hilarious in their own way. Some of them are like Bojack in the sense that they are stuck-up jerks, while others are much more cheerful about the situations. However, every character in this show will find a way to be a jerk in some shape and form, and that is something I really enjoy. There is no perfect character that can do no wrong, and everyone makes evil decisions. It feels much more real

and relatable while still having some likable characteristics for every character. The story of this show, while not the strongest I've seen, is still passable. There are twists and turns, but it is set up like a sitcom, so most of what happens in one episode leads into the next, but generally isn't brought back up until later episodes or not at all. The episodes all have their own story arcs, and they all are wrapped up very nicely. There were a few duds that just weren't interesting, but with the characters, I honestly didn't really notice until my second viewing. The characters are what really make this show shine on, because without them, the story would really not hold it up much. So, is *Bojack Horseman* worth the watch? I would say so. The characters are beyond hilarious, and although the story is okay, you really watch it for those characters. I have heard that some people don't find it that funny, but I do feel like it is worth the watch just for your own reasons. I really thought this would be a bad show at first, but was pleasantly surprised. If you have the chance, turn on your Netflix and give it a watch.



Above: Picture of Bojack Horseman. Image courtesy of Google Images.



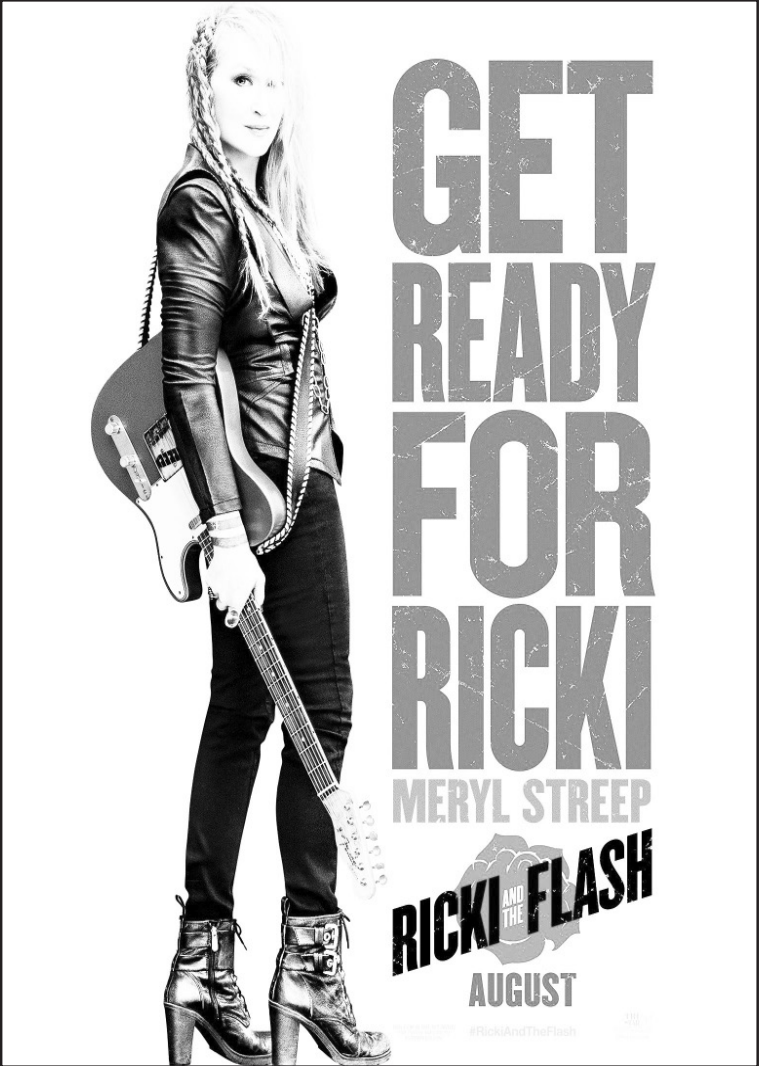
# Ricki and The Flash

By Hannah Pulver  
Features Writer

When you hear the name, “Meryl Streep”, what’s the first thought that pops into your head? For me it’s always, “Oh, This has *got* to be good”, because Meryl Streep is a recurring academy award winner, and she has never disappointed me.

When I saw the movie trailer for *Ricki and The Flash*, I had a small fan girl moment. I knew right away I had to see it, because of Meryl Streep. Having seen the movie now, I know that I could have survived without it.

*Ricki and The Flash* is a movie about a rockstar who seems conflicted with being a mother. Ricki is trying to live her dream in Los Angeles, California, when she gets a call that her daughter is in a rut. After much contemplation, Ricki decides to get involved and try to reconcile. There are some tense and awkward scenes between the family members, which makes for a unique experience. Meryl Streep did an amazing job with her character. I never pictured Streep with a deep and rocky voice, or with edge and dark eyeliner, but leaving the movie I can see a



Above: Movie poster promoting *Ricki and The Flash* starring Meryl Streep, was released on August 7, 2015. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

Right: Ricki, rock star and mother, performs in Los Angeles Photo courtesy of Google Images

whole other side of her. She’s the type of actress that makes a movie bearable to watch, no matter what.

I found that there is a hidden message about double standards in the movie. Ricki gets upset at one of her shows, and rants about the difference between a man and woman following their dreams. A woman who leaves her family to follow her dreams is looked at as a monster, whereas a man, like Mick Jagger for example, is looked at as an iconic rock star hero. It’s this kind of message that is important for society to hear and understand, especially those of you in Core 1 right now.

If you’re looking for a nice family night out, a minor pull on your heartstrings, or just a throwback to the oldies and classic music, I would definitely recommend this movie. But, if you’re looking for something

that will have you laughing hysterically, or on the edge of your seat, this movie probably won’t do it for you.

Overall, I thought *Ricki and The Flash* was an okay movie. If I were rating it out of 5 stars, I would give it 2 and ½ stars. It was an easy way to spend an hour, but if it were any longer than that I would have started to get antsy, and with my favorite movies landing in the action genre, I found myself hoping for something out of the ordinary and crazy to happen, and was left disappointed. I guess that’s what happens when you watch too much *Mission Impossible*. *Ricki and The Flash* was not all that I was hoping, and if you’re looking to see it... best of luck, because it’s moved out of most theaters... in a flash.



# Busy Bee

By Cameron Adams  
Features Writer

Did you know there is an extraordinary ice cream shop right down the street from us?

Well, for those of you who do. I’m sure you agree with me. And for those of you who don’t, I have great news for you. There is, and its name is Busy Bee Ice Cream Shop. It is conveniently located right down South College Avenue and turn right at the corner of West Milroy Ave, Rensselaer. This will not be a waste of time. You will enjoy yourself and you won’t regret it in the slightest.

Though this shop is quite small, it’s large in terms of taste, hospitality, and appearance. I went there on Thursday with a few of my friends and thoroughly enjoyed myself. We pulled up to it and walked up to the counter and was very surprised. They have a very broad array of things to choose from: milkshakes, sundaes, frozen yogurt, flavored ice, ICEEs, flavorbursts(vanilla ice cream with a different flavor swirled with it), and tornadoes(which is basically ice cream with different things mixed into it). In the end, I got a frozen lemonade cup, and my friends got a chocolate Oreo tornado and a red raspberry Flavorburst. We all enjoyed our ice cream. My friend that got the Chocolate Oreo Tornado commented that it was really good and rated it a “Complete Nine out of Ten”. He said that it was a good blend of chocolate and that he liked

it. My friend who got the Red Raspberry Flavorburst also said that she really enjoyed it. She commented on how she really liked how pretty it was with the flavors of the raspberry looked very nice with the ice cream. As we went to the tables that are set aside in order to enjoy the ice cream, I noticed that there was someone cleaning the parking lot. I went over and talked to her and discovered that she was actually the owner of the establishment.

The owner’s name is Barbara Carter. She told me that she has been owning and running Busy Bee for almost 12 years. She told me that she absolutely loved it here. She told me that her favorite thing to make and eat is her own creation, the Boston Shake. The Boston Shake is basically a milkshake with a Sundae on top with whipped cream and a cherry. She also told me that the most popular thing to get around Rensselaer is tornadoes.

So I say that if any of you have a free amount of time and are looking for some good creamy goodness. I would suggest going to Busy Bee Ice Cream Shop.



Above: Busy Bee Ice Cream Photo courtesy of Google Images.

By Vivian Myers  
Features Writer

Imagine you’re sitting in a restaurant with a close friend or sibling. You watch as a young girl sits down at a booth all by herself. She doesn’t order anything. A few minuets later a man walks into the restaurant and introduces himself to the young girl. He sits down and the two of them start talking. You can hear their conversation.

They seem to have met online and are meeting each other for the first time. The girl keeps saying “You said you were 16”. The man is definetly not sixteen, in fact he is much older than sixteen. The man offers to take the girl to his house. He says that he’s got vodka and other alcohols and that they can have a nice day together. After the girl reluctantly agrees to go to his house, he heads to the bathroom. *What would you do?* If you were actually there? *What Would You Do?* is shown on ABC. It ask’s real people that exact question by putting them unknowingly into those situations. John Quinones is the show’s host. The show travels around the states to find slow and high traffic places of business. John Quinones hires actors to act out the situations in these public places.

John Quinones’ camera crew sets up hidden cameras and microphones around the area of

the scene so nothing will be missed. He always informs the local police station of what is going on just in case someone calls the police on one of the actors. Sometimes the business’s staff will also know but sometimes they have no clue of what’s going on. But don’t worry, the business owner or manager always knows.

As the scene is being played out you watch as people react to what they see. Some people get upset or aggravated and demand that they are given a new table away from the “disturbance”. Others watch the victim and take no action to help them. Then, you have the more noble people who stand up for the victim and help by doing whatever they can. Some people try to calm the aggravator and others try to save the victim.

Once the people save the victim, aggravate the situation even

more, or do nothing at all, John Quinones comes out and talks to the people who witnessed or took part in the situation. He asks them why they did what they did. It really shows you what kind of morals people have in today’s world.

I like this show because it makes you think about what you might do in the same situation. It shows you the morals and reasonings people have and how strong some people can be. But the best part is it has made me realize how very few people would actually act if they saw a bad situation in a public place. I absolutely love this show. If you have a desire to see what I’m talking about go to Youtube and look up *What Would You Do?*



Above: Youtube show What Would You Do? Photo courtesy of Google Images.

# What Would You Do?



Pumas Cross Country Preview

By Justin Hays  
Sports Writer



*Pictured: Pumas Men's Cross Country team warms up for the Midwest Open. Photo courtesy of Susie Hays*

Progress, growth, and improvement – these adjectives can all be attributed to the 2014 cross country seasons enjoyed by the Men’s and Women’s Cross Country teams of Saint Joseph’s College. This year, both teams are looking for more. No longer considering themselves underdogs, the men and women both look to begin establishing Saint Joseph’s College as a perennial heavyweight in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The men are returning from their highest ever conference finish in cross country, 4th place, and return four upperclassmen from that team. Fifth-year senior Logan Barrett returns to the team after a thrilling sixth-place finish in the 1500 at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Nationals, which earned him his first career All-American honor. Having the experience of being the top runner on the team for four years, Logan knows what it takes to lead a team to success.

Providing support for Logan will be a brigade of juniors: Brian Eurton, Lane Barrett, and Justin Hays. With three years of varsity experience and strong summer training, these three look to support Logan and battle for top 20 individual spots in every competition. The final three spots of the varsity squad are looking to be filled by freshmen Mike Conrad (Orland Park, Illinois), Nick Skwarcan (Nappanee, Indiana), and sophomore Jace Horner (Rensselaer, Indiana). Conrad on his freshman cross country season expectations, “I expect to be learning a lot from the upperclassman on how to become a better athlete.” This complement of youth and experience should provide a strong spark to propel the Men’s team in conference and regional competition.

The Women’s Cross Country team returns five runners from a 2014 squad that showed much promise for the future. Returning no seniors, this youthful team looks to build on the progress that occurred throughout Cross Country and Track last year. Juniors Rachel Bartz, Hannah Wallace, and Maddie Biddle look to provide leadership and experience to a team comprised mostly of underclassmen. Rachel Bartz provided a prospective on the team dynamic for the season, “Being a Junior, I have acquired a lot of knowledge on how the

team operates. Even though we are young, we have girls with racing experience and that is necessary to be successful.” After successful freshmen campaigns, Sophomores Brooke Werstler and Nikki Thiede look to showcase their long distance strength after a year of successful transitioning to collegiate training. Sydney Strang (Elburn, Illinois), a sophomore transfer from IPFW, also aims to add a spark to the team. Sophomores Meghan Hennessey and Gabrielle Pepple and Freshman Millie Biddle (Stafford, Virginia) round out a Lady Puma squad with marked depth. Because of their depth, the Women’s Cross Country team will find strength in their pack of five to seven girls who will be able to work together throughout each race. Speaking on this depth, Sophomore Brooke Werstler had to say,” We have a small team, but a really close group of girls. I think as the season goes on we will have a really strong pack.” Both the Men and Women open up their season September 12th at Wisconsin-Parkside University for the Midwest Open. Both teams will look to shake off their rust and showcase all of their preseason training. This race will provide a launching pad for what looks to be another successful year for both genders of Saint Joseph’s College Cross Country.

Puma Volleyball Conquers in Alaska

By Danata Paulino  
Sports Writer

The Saint Joseph’s College Volleyball team traveled over 3,500 miles this past week to compete in Fairbanks, Alaska at a tournament. Their first game took place September 4th against St. Mary’s University of Texas in the morning. SJC won the first two sets 25-17, 25-18 and lost their momentum in the third against St. Mary’s 18-25. They came back in the fourth, receiving a ten point lead after a kill by sophomore Bailey Wori to have the score at 21-11. They finished off St. Mary’s by Megan Sturm setting up Lauren Robertson for a kill, ending 25-15. St. Mary’s had 26 errors and 38 kills. Game leaders for the Pumas were senior Anna Sacco with 10 kills and 5 blocks, junior Kate Wagenaar with 9 kills, senior Megan Sturm with 20 assists, and junior Katie Dugan with 16 digs. The Pumas then continued the tournament to face Alaska Fairbanks the next day. The first set began with the two teams battling back in forth by only a few points. But after a service error by the Pumas, Alaska continued to take the next three points to finish the set 25-20. SJC fought back in the next set starting off with a kill by sophomore Madyson Anthony. Alaska tried to make a comeback, but followed behind for the rest of the set. Alaska took a timeout

after an ace from sophomore Bridget Krasowski. Krasowski returned by serving another ace and the set ended two points later with a kill by Bailey Wori 25-18. In the third set, the Pumas fell behind early on and never regained the lead 25-17. The fourth set was promising with SJC fighting to stay in the lead and they finished strong with a kill by Lauren Robertson. With the final set of the game, the Pumas kept up with Alaska. With the score 14-12, Pumas Anna Sacco and Kate Wagenaar put up a strong block for a point and led up to a kill to end the game by Madyson Anthony 15-12. Alaska had 24 errors and hit .156. SJC had 54 kills. The game leaders were Madyson Anthony with 11 kills, Bridget Krasowski with 9 kills, Anna Sacco with 9 kills and 8 blocks, and Megan Sturm with 25 assists. The Pumas final game in the tournament was against Minot State University in the evening. The Pumas were behind in the first set until a kill by Madyson Anthony which tied the teams at 12-12 and the Pumas stayed in the lead the rest of the game. The first set finished with a kill by Lauren Robertson assisted by Megan Sturm to end 25-21. The second set was neck and neck when SJC got a 6 point lead only to then fall by 2 points with the score at 26-24. Minot State then preceded to win over the Pumas the next two

sets both at 17-25. The Pumas were led by Bridget Krasowski who had 14 kills, Megan Sturm with 19 assists, and Katie Dugan with 21 digs. The Pumas left Alaska with a tournament win and optimism. Head coach Brittany Cherwinka left pleased over the experience. “Alaska was as fun as it was, because we truly were playing like a team, and acting like a

team!” It’s the beginning of a new season and a new team. “Our strength and one of which that is different from last year is that we are one cohesive unit,” Cherwinka stated. “We came home with a few injuries and I believe it will give others the chance to step up and rise to the occasion. We are excited to see who those may be, and what they will do for the future of SJC



*Pictured: Anna Sacco and Lauren Robertson Photo Courtesy of Saint Joe Athletics*

Upcoming Events

September 18th

- Men’s & Women’s Cross Country National Catholic Championship at Notre Dame University 2:30 p.m.
- Men’s & Women’s Soccer vs. University of Missouri in St. Louis, MI 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. University of Missouri 7:00 p.m.

September 19th

- Football vs. William-Jewell College 12:00 p.m.
- Men’s Tennis ITA Regional in Allendale, MI
- Women’s Golf Dan Quayle Collegiate Golf Classic at DePauw University
- Volleyball vs. Maryville University 3:00 p.m.

September 20th

- Men’s & Women’s Soccer vs. Maryville University in St. Louis, MO 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Men’s Golf Wisconsin-Parkside Dual at University of Wisconsin-Parkside

September 25th

- Men’s & Women’s Soccer vs. Quincy University 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Missouri S&T in Rolla, MO 7:00 p.m.

September 26th

- Volleyball vs. Drury University in Springfield, MO 3:00 p.m.
- Football vs. Missouri S&T in Rolla, MO 6:30 p.m.

September 27th

- Men’s & Women’s Soccer vs. Truman State University 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
- Women’s Tennis vs. Franklin College in Franklin, IN



# Puma Football’s First Victory

By Joseph Flaherty  
*Sports Writer*

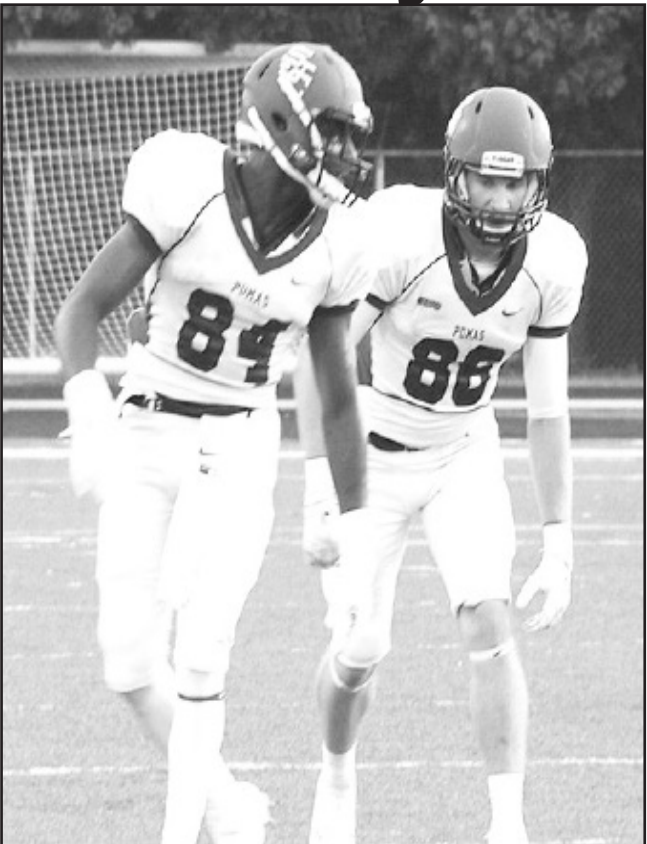
The Pumas had a quite exciting first season opener as they conquered the University of Pennssylvania in Edinboro with a victory of 30-10. Despite the long trek it took to travel there, Puma fans were able to watch the game on a live broadcast.

Beginning the game with huge help from the defense was Jessie Pourch who made a substantial difference in the Pumas victory. This marks the first win for Coach Daniel Day as the new head coach, and puts the Pumas on track for another successful season. The men knocked the Fighting Scotts off their feet with a ground-and-pound attack that proved to be successful in getting to the end-zone. The ground attack was aided by Wade Burton, who rushed for 79 yards, one touchdown, while also completing fifteen passes for 195 yards. Also showing strides on the ground was Braxton Shelton, who finished with eleven

carries for 96 yards and one touchdown. Jose Esquivel proved to be Burton’s reliable target for the game, finishing with five catches for 90 yards. Gavin Voss gave the Special Teams a great showing with three-made field goals including a long of 44 yards and was perfect on all point-after attempts. He was named GLVC Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance. The stout offensive line was able to keep the Fighting Scotts front seven men from getting into the backfield, which allowed the offensive skill players to methodically move down the field. The offense was backed by a tremendous defensive effort, led by Jessie Pourch, who finished with three interceptions for a total of 75 yards and one touchdown, as well as nine tackles. His efforts awarded him the GLVC Defensive Player of the Week, as well as Division 2 National Defensive Player of the Week. Also aiding the Defensive front was Cedric Turner and Joel Wimbley, who both centered the defensive attack with ten tackles

and an interception (Turner), and thirteen tackles including 1.5 sacks and 2.5 for a loss (Wimbley). The Fighting Scotts were able to keep in the game though, as the Pumas gathered 13 penalties for 83 yards. Although, the defense’s strong and “take-don’t-give” attitude helped hold the Fighting Scotts to only 315 yards of total offense and only 10 points. Coach Day expressed that cleaning up penalties, and fixing errors as keys to improving upon the season. “First and foremost we have to take care of penalties. That put us in bad situations last week. We also have to clean up errors on special teams. As long as we eliminate turnovers and don’t allow big, cheap plays on defense, we will contend each and every week,” (Day).

The Pumas next competition will be held much closer than a computer screen this weekend, as the EDT kick-off time against William-Jewell is set for 12:00pm here at Saint Joseph’s College on their home turf.



*Pictured: Tremel Glasper and Addison Delinger  
Photo Courtesy of Saint Joseph’s Athletics*

## Puma Tennis

By Megan Fernandez  
*Sports Writer*

The Saint Joseph’s Men’s and Women’s Tennis teams do not begin their official season until April, but you can still find the Pumas on the courts competing in their “non-championship season.” This only runs for forty five days, but it gives the Pumas good practice, competition, and an outlook on their upcoming season. Last year, the women’s record was 1-10, leaving room for improvement. The ladies are expecting two new teammates to come this January. With Senior, Katie Philips graduated, new upperclassmen will now need to step up to the line. This was the case Labor Day weekend.

The Lady Pumas competed in two matches over Labor Day weekend. September 5th, the Pumas competed at home against Purdue Calumet, however, due to weather conditions the match was moved to the inside courts. “We are used to practicing outdoors, so this definitely had an affect on the outcome.” says Head Coach Basem Shammass. “With the move to the inside, it makes it a more fast paced ball, which changes up the game.” At the end of the day, the match resulted in a 7-2 victory for Purdue Calumet. With a sour taste still in their mouths from Saturday, the ladies were looking to bounce back against Goshen College. Since the team only has a total of five girls on the roster, losing #6 singles and #3 doubles, the team began the match originally down by two points. Clare Kost and her doubles partner, Tate Hickey, played a tough match at the number 2 doubles spot and succeeded in scoring the team a point with the hard fought win. Vanessa Olson and Lauren Jakubczyk, lost both their matches to leave the team scores at 4 a piece heading into

the last match. “All of the girls played really well, but it was tied and all kind of came down to Clare Kost’s match,” says Coach Shammass. “I felt no pressure at all and that’s because I didn’t even realize it came down to me!” says Junior Clare Kost, “For me, tennis is very individual, so I think only about my game and what I’m doing in that moment.” With the clutch performance by Kost, who ended up winning her singles match, the Pumas succeeded in an overall win of 5-4. Being down two points right off the bat made the victory even more satisfying for the Pumas that Sunday evening.

The Men’s team held a record of 6-6 in their previous season. Losing two upperclassmen from last year, Danny James and Adam Meeker, the team is continuously changing. In the offseason, the boys grabbed a new talent, Freshman Jake Wikens. The Men are expecting to gain two more players in January when their official season gets closer. “With more guys coming this Spring and having greatly experienced players, the team should do well this year,” says Sophomore Samir Shammass. One of the challenges that the Men’s team faces is having one of the hardest conferences in the nation. With the tough schedule all year round, the team is forced to stay competitive and hard at work. When asked about some of the goals for the team this year, Samir said, “I can see the team this year making the NCAA tournament.”

The Men’s tennis team will be traveling in just two days to Allendale Michigan to compete in the ITA Regional at Grand Valley state University. The Women’s next opponent will not be until September 27, in Franklin, Indiana against Franklin College.

By Casey Snow  
*Sports Writer*



*Pictured: Nicholas Cossyleon  
Photo Courtesy of Saint Joseph’s Athletics*

## SJC Soccer Success

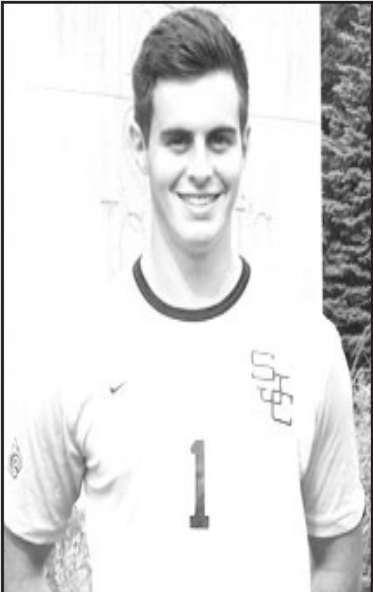
The SJC men’s soccer team was ready to kick off the season when they began their game on September 4th at the Joseph L. Minielli Memorial Field. Oakland City University came to campus with unfulfilled hopes of bringing home the win, but SJC would not let it happen, ending the game with a 1-0 score. Head Coach Adam Hall is just getting started with his wins for the season. The game had a very solid start, as the Pumas immediately took control of the field and sent 12 shots in the first half compared to Oakland City’s 4. The game stayed without a score until Hall brought out Nick Cossyleon, Angel Zamudio, and Alejandro Rosales. Minutes later, Cossyleon sent a pass toward Sebastian Quinteros, who took the pass and scored the first and only goal of the game. “Our subs had a huge impact coming off the bench, and our depth really helped,” sophomore Michael Ferguson told the Observer.

The second part of the game was

focused mostly on Oakland City’s shots, as they shot 11 times, passing up SJC’s 8 shots. With the second half also came a few close calls when Oakland City almost made two goals on SJC keeper, Adam Whybrow. The first shot resulted in Whybrow’s deflecting it, then it was followed by a header from Oakland City’s offense. After the second attempt, Whybrow got ahold of the ball and saved the Pumas their win. It was a physical game, and as Ferguson says, “We were able to keep possession very well but weren’t able to get goals. Our defense was able to control the tempo and flow of the game.” The Puma’s win is a great start to their season. This week, the boys will be traveling to St. Louis, Missouri to play the University of Missouri on Thursday, September 18th at 7:30, and then Maryville University the following Saturday at 2:30.

## Puma Athlete Spotlight: Adam Whybrow

By Hannah Wallace  
*Sports Editor*



*Photo courtesy of Saint Joseph’s College Athletics Website*

**Adam Whybrow is a freshman from Bradon, Suffolk, England. He is majoring in Exercise Science/Athletic Training. Whybrow is the goalkeeper for the Men’s Puma Soccer Team.**

**How did you start playing soccer?**

“I’ve been playing soccer for as long as I can remember, I started playing club football at 7 yrs old. It is what every young boy wants to do in England, and it’s what most fathers want their sons playing.”

**What made you decide to come to the United States?**

“I’ve been thinking about coming

out to play soccer since I was 14 as a couple of friends had previously come out and performed well...”

**Who is your favorite professional soccer player?**  
“Manchester City and England goalkeeper, Joe Hart. For me he is a great role model on and off the pitch.”

**What are your hobbies?**  
“Soccer is a lot of what I do, but mainly I enjoy watching and taking part in rugby, golf and snooker. And like most teenagers I don’t mind spending an hour or two playing video games!”



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Creative Corner

Woods

By Karen Gramajo

I must begin this tale,  
Glistened rubies in white.  
The cheek never stroked.  
Hallowed in the night.  
Lone in stars above.  
Walk among the wood.

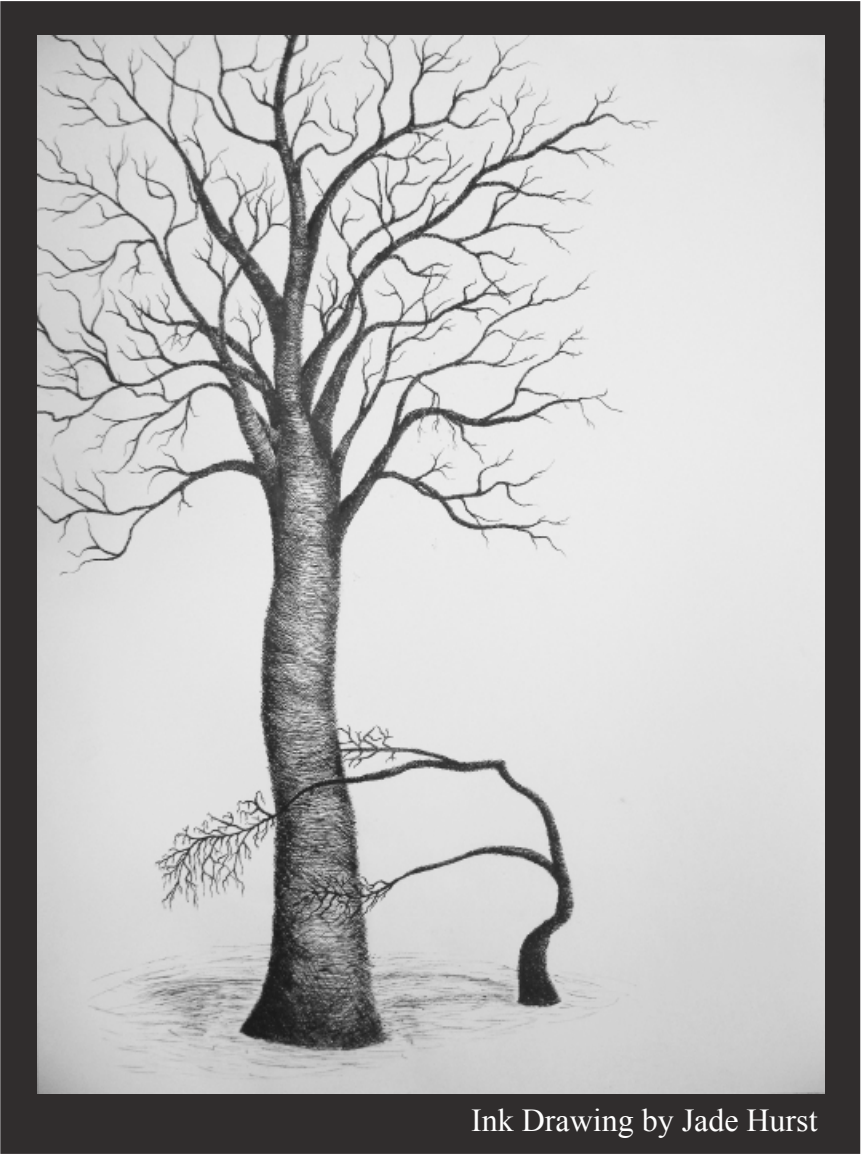
Cheeky one.  
Your mind never ease.  
Knowing thirsted.  
I can never appease.  
Clever son.

Blemished impatience  
Clustered stars on skin.  
Never touch, blatant.  
Rose bloomed sin.

Eyes glance again.  
Screen shows heart.  
Inquisitiveness begins.  
Doth thud hard?

Still feel tender?  
Unquenchable one.  
I am the lender.  
Craving words done.

Time in sand.  
Skin never stroked  
Slips in millions of diamonds.  
Let alone thy hand.



Ink Drawing by Jade Hurst

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I’m In Love, But Not With You

By Gloria Michelle Leonard

I’m in love--  
Too much in love to be loving you.  
I’m in love with the way the sun shines  
Through my blinds and kisses my face,  
The way I sometimes feel the birds sing  
For me and only me.  
I’ve fallen for the way the wind plays  
With my hair and caresses my skin,  
With cotton candy skies and  
Cool grass under my bare feet.

I’m in love—  
Too much in love to be missing you.  
If I spent my time missing you, I’d miss  
The symphony of crickets outside my window  
And the humming of the girl down the hall.  
I would miss the way the thunder cracks  
Down like a gavel and the way the heavens pour.  
Missing you would mean missing out in all these  
Things I love and more, if I allowed them to become  
Reminders of you.  
But I’m love with life now,  
And there’s no room in this heart for you.



Oil Painting by Katie Davisson

I Promise

By Katie Davisson

No longer will I  
Look at couples and wish it was you and I.  
Listen to sad songs because they remind me of us.  
Text you at 3 AM wondering why you’re gone.  
Write and paint everything for you.  
Let you take my happiness.

From now on I shall  
Smile when you walk past.  
Miss you, but not let it cripple me.  
Experience new and exciting things.  
Jump off cliffs, start fires,  
Spend every moment like it’s my last.

Thank you for letting me go,  
It was the best way you could have  
Loved me.



Ink Drawing by Kim McClaghry



Ink Drawing by Lexi Fields